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SUBJ: SWISS FRANC DENOMINATED BUDGETS FOR GENEVA-BASED UN
ORGANIZATIONS

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1. MARIANNE VON GRUENINGEN, CHIEF UN AFFIARS, SWISS
FED POLITICAL DEPT. TOLD EMBOFF BASIC SWISS POLICY
HAS NOT CHANGED. SWISS STILL FEEL USE OF SF IN LIEU
US DOLLAR WOULD NOT SOLVE EXCHANGE LOSS PROBLEM BUT
SIMPLY SHIFT PROBLEM FROM UN AGENCIES TO MEMBER STATES.
HOWEVER, SWISS AS HOST COUNTRY ARE UNDER INCREASING
PRESSURE TO HELP SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. SOME SUGGEST
MOVING AGENCIES OUT OF GENEVA; THERE IS PERENNIAL CUBAN
PROPOSAL FOR HOST COUNTRY TO MAKE UP EXCHANGE LOSS.

2. THEREFORE, SWISS FEEL CONSTRAINED TO DEPART FROM
1974 POLICY POSITION OF OPPOSING ALL PROPOSALS
TO CHANGE FROM DOLLAR DENOMINATED BUDGET. SWISS
DELEGATE TO ILO CONFERENCE HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO
STATE, IF ISSUE IS RAISED, THAT SWISS WILLING
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"CONSIDER" PRACTICAL PROPOSALS TO HELP SOLVE BUDGET
PROBLEM CAUSED BY EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS, WHETHER
SUCH PROPOSALS BE FOR SF DENOMINATED BUDGET OR SPLIT
ASSESSMENT WHICH WOULD KEEP BUDGET IN DOLLARS BUT
PERMIT SF CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. VON GRUENINGEN STRESSED THAT SWISS NEITHER

"PROPOSING" NOR "OPPOSING" SF DENOMINATED BUDGET.
FURTHERMORE, SWISS CONTINUE TO RESERVE THEIR POSITION
ON DOLLAR BUDGET AS MEMBER STATE, BECAUSE THEY
BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT RESOLVE PROBLEM BUT ONLY SHIFT
BURDEN FROM UN AGENCIES TO OTHER MEMBERS. WARNER

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